

BYRON GARRETT

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Byron V. Garrett

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



One of the most compelling voices of our time, Byron V. Garrett is Chairman of the National Family Engagement Alliance (NFEA); a nonprofit dedicated to transforming education through meaningful family engagement. Byron serves as the Director of Educational Leadership & Policy for Microsoft and a consulting author for Scholastic. Currently, he serves on the Advisory Board for The Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, is a trustee for The Boys & Girls Harbor Inc., The Guyana Foundation and the CeCe Peniston Youth Foundation and was named to The Root 100 which recognizes the top 100 emerging and established African-American leaders under 45. In addition, Byron serves on the Board of Advisors for My QVO, a community where learners can take hold of their academic success.

Throughout his career, he has been a visionary agent of change promoting the idea that everyone has an obligation and opportunity to serve the best interests of our nation's most precious resource – children. Byron is a former columnist for Parenting, where he wrote "Parent University" monthly and served on their Editorial Advisory Board. Byron served as a lead strategist and planner for NBC News' Education Nation and produced the 1st Annual Building a Grad Nation Summit for the America's Promise Alliance. The former CEO of the National PTA, Byron has a unique combination of experience from both the non-profit and governmental sectors, having served as the Chief of Staff for the Office of Public Affairs at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security). Prior to

this, Garrett served as National Program Leader for the National 4-H Headquarters at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the program's seven million participants and 90,000 clubs. While at USDA he was appointed by The White House as co-convenor of the Helping America's Youth initiative, an interagency effort to address challenges facing youth and to promote successful solutions.

Earlier in his career, Garrett spent a decade in Phoenix as an education advocate and community leader. He served as Policy Advisor for Faith and Community Initiatives for then Governor Janet Napolitano (former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security); prior to that role, he was the Director of the Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development, where he administered multiple boards and commissions. A former K-8 charter school principal, Byron has been a guest on the Today Show, MSNBC, Fox and the Dr. Phil Show, and featured in a number of publications, such as the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and JET Magazine. Ebony named Garrett to its "Power 150," an annual list of "The Most Influential Black Americans."

An accomplished writer, Garrett is the author of several books including the highly popular, "The ABC's of Life" (Scholastic 2013) and is scheduled to release his first children's book, "There's Greatness on the Inside" this fall. (Life Works Press 2015). An accomplished speaker, Garrett has delivered presentations all across the U.S., Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.

COMPELLING ROLES

Lead Strategist – NBC News' Education Nation

Producer – 1st Annual Building a Grad Nation Summit

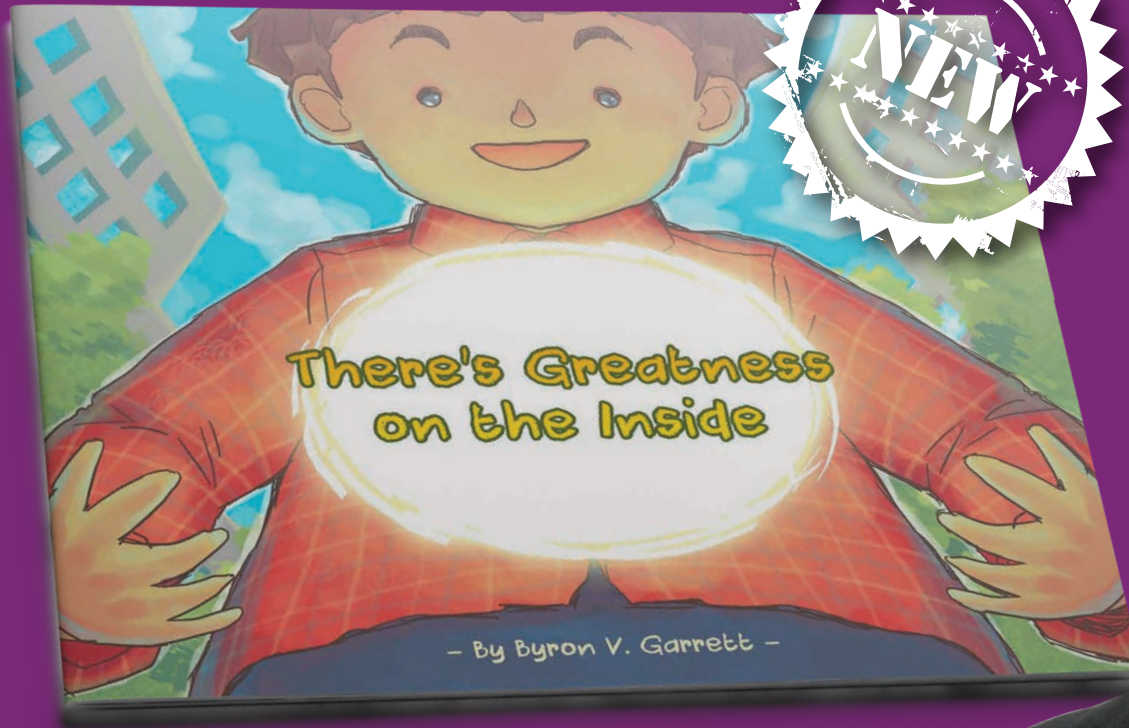
CEO – National PTA

Policy Advisor – Governor of Arizona

National Program Leader – National 4-H

K-8 Principal

THERE'S GREATNESS ON THE INSIDE



While there's no X-ray machine to detect success, *There's Greatness on the Inside* will help children achieve their potential and live the mantra, "if the mind can conceive it and the heart can believe it, then the hands can achieve it!" National education advocate, Byron V. Garrett counteracts the limiting messages projected at children by today's media-driven world in this beautifully illustrated, uplifting book for children of all ages. *There's Greatness on the Inside* can be used by parents and teachers to enhance the social and emotional skills in young people.



TGOTI QUOTES OF PRAISE

- "Byron's done it again! His "You CAN!" message to children and families resounds. Teachers, librarians, and parents will love to share this gem of a book!"
Nancy Verdolino, President
Massachusetts Reading Association
- "I'm so encouraged by Byron's new book, There's Greatness on the Inside. Though written for children, I believe this book can reach people of all ages. Everyone can relate and be inspired to live out their dreams."
Fantasia, National Recording Artist & Actress
- "Greatness on the Inside is a refreshing and creative twist in the children's book genre. A prominent voice in education, Byron Garrett, once again delivers a powerful message to young children reminding them that there is untapped greatness in all of us."
Wes Moore
Best-Selling Author and CEO of BridgeEdU
- As a veteran educator, I found Byron Garrett's presentation of "There is Greatness on the Inside" as an awakening for my teachers and students. It planted a tiny seed of hope and vision that started within and is nurtured by our circle of influence.
Dr. Thomas Howard, Ed.D., Executive Director,
Boys & Girls Harbor, Inc.
- Byron Garrett's latest children's book, There's Greatness on the Inside, serves as an inspirational and motivating story that all children should have the opportunity to read. Among the beautiful illustrations is a very serious message for our children – perseverance, hard work and a strong belief in self will enable one to achieve anything!
Dr. Agnes Slayman, Superintendent,
Chester County School District
- Every child should have this book and every family member and caregiver should read it to children and internalize it themselves. We need to lift each and every child up with the words in this book and let them believe that anything is possible....and help make it so.
Gerry Cobb, State Services Director Build Initiative



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